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Sen. Hardiman's health-insurance flexibility bill signed

LANSING — Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, applauded Gov. Granholm for signing Senate Bill 88 into law. The measure allows flexible costs for co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles for enrollees of health-maintenance organizations.

“This law will help employers keep health coverage for workers and not increase reliance on state taxpayers for expensive care such as emergency room visits for routine problems,” Hardiman said.

It also allows HMOs to offer products or services promoting healthy living to current enrollees.

Hardiman added, “I am hopeful this will encourage more innovation to help people and make good choices for their own health and fitness.”

SB 88, now Public Act 306, takes effect immediately.

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